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SUBJECT: SEOUL - MEDIA REACTION

East Asia and Pacific: DPRK

"How U.S. Strategy over N. Korea Can Succeed"

Conservative Chosun Ilbo editorialized (07/21): "The reason why the North Korean nuclear issue could not be resolved over the past 16 years is that North Korea was not interested in scrapping its nuclear program, while forging and breaking promises with the international community. The USG also used rewards to appease North Korea again and again. ... To resolve the nuclear issue through dialogue, North Korea must be made to return to the negotiating table. Military options aside, the only other choice is to use a mixture of diplomatic persuasion and pressure involving political, economic and social means, including financial sanctions. If the Obama Administration's 'new approach' is to be successful, the international community, especially China, should participate in sanctioning North Korea with firm resolve. Furthermore, the sanctions against North Korea should continue sufficiently long enough (to bring the North back to the dialogue table.) Without these two elements, the Obama Administration will repeat the failure of its predecessor."

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